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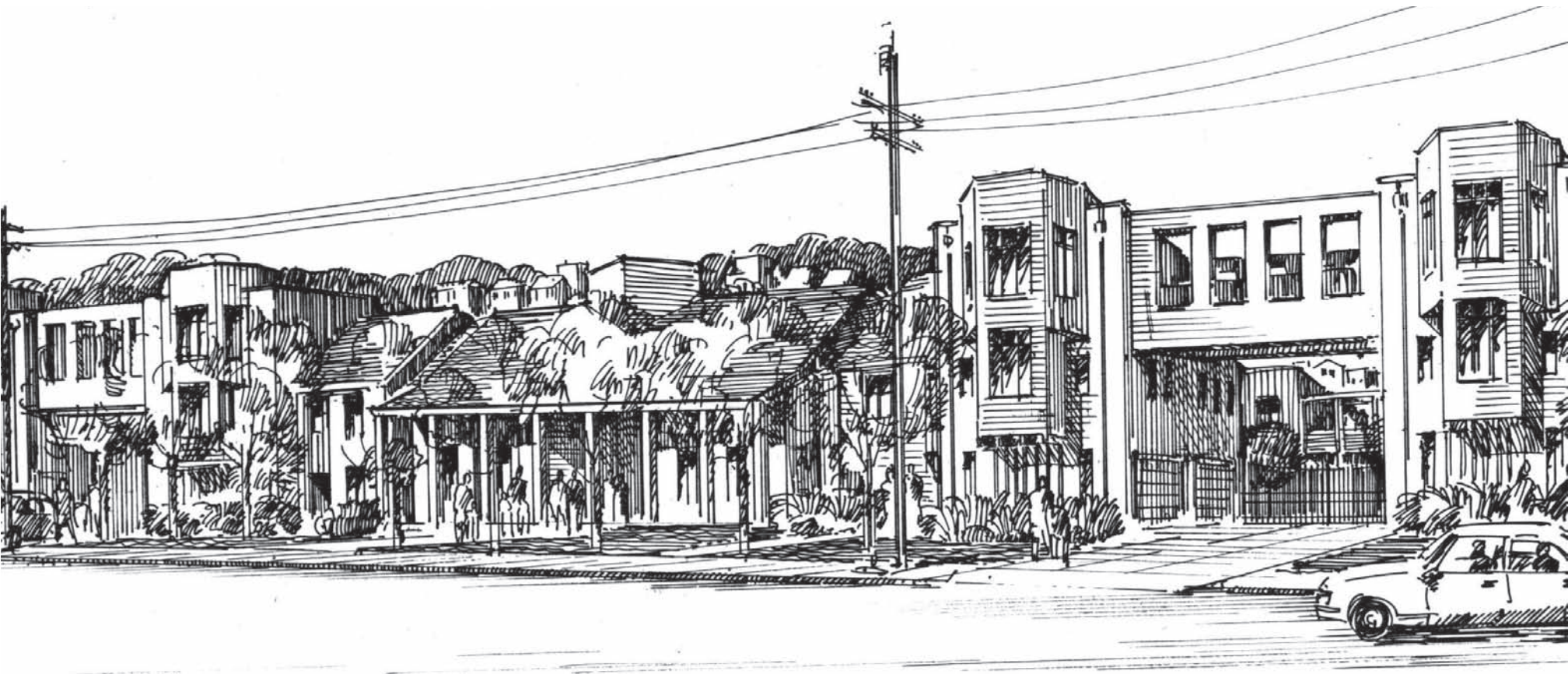
Britton Courts, Solomon E.T.C.

Geneva Towers, one of San Francisco's most troubled public housing projects, was demolished in May 1998. Britton Street Housing provides 91 units that rehouse many of the residents of Geneva Towers as well as other low-income residents. The new setting is the inverse of the isolating high-rise environment it replaced. Britton Courts embodies the principles of neighborhood building and urban repair delineated in the Charter of New Urbanism, such as the use of vernacular building types and materials, and re-establishment of existing, surrounding city streets.

Britton Courts' design is integrated into the surrounding neighborhood fabric by use of vernacular building types and materials. By continuing existing city streets through the site, Britton Courts has become a part of a larger neighborhood rather than a housing project on a super block that is alien to its surroundings.

The project remained in budget through the use of inexpensive materials and straightforward construction details, while achieving diversity in the unit types, courtyards, and streetscape.

Britton Court targeted two parent households, single parent households, extended family households, as well as residents who previously lived in a housing project which was demolished.



Project Data

Owner Client:	Housing Conservation and Development Corporation
Project Cost:	\$120 per square foot
Project Type:	Single family attached housing
On-site Amenities:	Community Room, Day Care Center
Date of Completion:	2000
Number of Units:	92 Units: 63 two bedroom, 21 three bedroom, 8 four bedroom
Site Area / Density:	3.677 Acres/ 25 D.U.A.



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